(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार कितनी राशि का आकलन किया गया है तथा बढ़ी हुई कीमतों के आधार पर बकाया राशि प्राप्त करने वाले कौन-कौन हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव): (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Modernisation of steel plant under SAIL

505. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in regard to modernisation of the steel plant under the Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) the time by when the modernisation of each plant is likely to be completed, and the estimated expenditure thereon; and

(c) the estimated increase in production and productivity as a result thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) The present position in regard to the modernisation projects of the steel plants of the Steel Authority of India Limited is annexed (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 36)

National Commission on bonded labourers

506. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for undertaking an All India survey to identify the number of bonded labour in the country and for setting up a National Commission on bonded labour;

(b) if so, the decision of Goverment thereon; and

(c) the number of bonded labourers so far rehabilitated in Orrisa till date and the amount spent for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O F LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Government had set up a National Commission on Rural Labour in August, 1987. The Commission have set up study groups on various subjects concerning rural labour. The terms of reference of the Study Group on 'Bonded Labour' inter-alia includes 'Studying the magnitude of the problem of bonded labour in the country'.

(c) According to the latest report received from the State Government of Orissa, out of a total number of 49,339 bonded labourers identified and freed in the State, 44,755 had been rehabilitated by 31st May, 1989. An amount of Rs. 786.82 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Orissa till date as the Central share under the Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme for rehabilitation of Bonded Labour.

Assistance for completion of drought relief works in Orissa

507. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of productive schemes undertaken in Orissa under drought relief programme are lying incomplete due to paucity of funds; and

(b) if so, the assistance proposed to be given by the Union Government to get these works completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World bank assistance for slum development

508. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has any scheme whereby financial assistance is given to states for slum improvement;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the state of Orissa for slum improvement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) There is no project specifically for slum upgradation assisted by the World Bank. However, all on going urban development projects assisted by the World Bank include slum upgradation/improvement.

(c) and (d) The State of Orissa has not yet submitted any urban development project for World Bank assistance. Therefore, the question of sanctioning of any amount by the World Bank does not arise.

Import and production of newsprint

509. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of recent price increase in newsprint and why it was resorted to ;

(b) whether Government agency is the only importer or other private agencies are also permitted to import newsprint ; what was the difference between CIF imported price and local factory price before the increase in prices and now ;

(c) whether all the Indian newprint manufacturing units are in public sector ; what is the total production in public; and private sector and how much is the deficit ; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that number of small and medium papers are likely to close down throwing thousands of workers unemployed ; what is the Government response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) The increase in indigenous newsprint price was 28% to 40% compared to the prices in January, 1988 for 52 gsm newsprint. In the case of imported newsprint, the increase has been 1.9% to 8.3% compared to the previous quarter. The mills have revised price of indigenous newsprint reportedly to meet the increasing cost of production and to maintain their financial viability. The increase in the cost of imported newsprint has been due to international market trends and other relevant factors.

(b) State Trading Corporation is the only canalising agency of the Government for import of newsprint. However, newsprint also can be imported against REP licence. Details about ex-factory prices of indigenous newsprint and selling prices of imported newsprint as well as c.i.f. prices are indicated in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure as 37]

(c) there are five units licensed for manufacture of newsprint in the country. Two of these mills are